

Session 2

Honor

❖ OPEN IN PRAYER

Suggestion: *Father, we meet here now to honor You and one another because we were created in Your image. Let our words and conversations be pleasing to You. Show us more of Who You are and who we are and can be through You. Amen.*

❖ DEFINING THE TOOL

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Definition	Nouns: High respect, integrity, praise Verbs: To obey, heed, follow, and implement; to praise, dignify and celebrate
Synonyms	esteem, distinction, recognition, privilege, glory, prestige, merit, credit, respect

❖ DIGGING IN

Honoring our elders has been a foundational way to live.

- **Is there someone that you hold honor for? Why?**

- **How do you define an “elder?” Who would be an elder in your life?**

- **Why would you honor an elder?**

To honor someone means to lift them up and see them as important. It is a humbling of ourselves and seeing ourselves as less important. Pride and selfishness can get in the way of honor. So can disrespect and stubbornness.

❖ **GIVING AND RECEIVING HONOR**

Honor is shown by giving. We choose to show our high regard through how we treat the one we honor, or sometimes in the giving of gifts or awards.

- **In what ways have you seen someone honored by giving?**

- **Describe your best memory of seeing someone honored.**

- **Describe a time when you felt honored.**

An example of honor: Think about a court of law. The judge is addressed as, “Your Honor.” Why?

He is honorable because he spent many years studying so that he can make decisions based on laws and ordinances. He is respected in that position as an elder in the practice of law. He also displays honor when he takes all details of a situation into consideration. There are times when a judge will show compassion or mercy and the ruling or sentence is lighter. Our honor for that judge is even

greater in those cases because we know the consequence that the law called for, but grace was given or maybe the offense was completely forgiven.

Unfortunately, there are also times when we see the judgment is unfair or maybe even wrong. In those situations, it is hard to respect that judge as a person, yet because he holds a position of high honor, we must honor (obey, follow) his ruling. (Thankfully, we are usually allowed to make appeals!)

Another example: In the times of chiefs and kings, people honored these elders in their important positions by bowing down or giving gifts. They listened when they spoke (respect). They did what they were told (obedience). Recognizing the value of their wisdom and experience, people asked for their blessing and permission and direction when they had to make important decisions.

❖ DIGGING IN

- **Do you have someone you go to for blessing, permission or direction when you have important decisions to make?**

Read aloud from your Bible: Psalm 99 and Psalm 100

Group Leader: Have people take turns reading verses.

- **Pause for a time of quiet and personal prayer.**

Read aloud from your Bible: 1 Peter 5:1-11.

Group Leader: Have people take turns reading verses.

❖ LOOKING FORWARD

- **Share one way you plan to show honor this week.**

Read the following aloud:

“The Father, in fact, judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son, so that all the people will honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”

John 5:22-23

❖ CLOSE IN PRAYER

Suggestion: *Thank You Creator, for being holy, good, merciful and just, and for your forgiveness through Yeshua/Jesus. Help us to show honor to others by being more humble, merciful and forgiving, so that we may be a good example of Your love for the people you created. Help us to honor You more and to live more honorably, both at home and in our communities. We praise You and honor You. Amen.*